

REMARKS

This submission is being made in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims newly presented.

The Claims Recite Allowable Subject Matter.

Claims 22-32 were previously allowed by the Examiner and are being amended to more accurately define the invention. Applicants respectfully suggest that these claims remain patentable and should be allowed.

Claims 34-48 have been added to the application. Each of these claims recite subject matter not found in the cited references, either alone or in combination. For example, claim 34 recites a computer system having a non-volatile memory containing instructions that cause a processor to “receive an indication of an error condition ..., collect a plurality of device error states ... [and] assemble said plurality of device error states into a variable-length error record associated with the error condition.” The cited references fail, both alone and in combination, to teach or suggest these features. Applicants thus respectfully submit that claim 34 is patentable over the cited references and should be allowed. The remaining claims are also patentable over the cited references for similar reasons and should be allowed as well.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A timely Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any aspect of the application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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